REMARKS

Claims 19 and 51 have been cancelled in their entirety, without prejudice. In addition, claims 76 – 104 have been copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,333,700 B1 which issued December 25, 2001 on an application filed March 28, 2000. The patent names Hubertus V. Thomeer and Sarmad Adam as inventors and is assigned on its face to Schlumberger Technology Corporation. Claims 76 - 104 correspond to claims 1 - 6, 10 - 14, 18 - 23, 30 - 34, 37 - 42 and 48, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,333,700 B1.

Support in the specification of the captioned application as filed for each of the claims added by this preliminary amendment can be found in the attached claim chart. The attached claim chart also correlates the claims copied from the '700 patent to claims 76-104 as presented in this preliminary amendment. In the attached claim chart, the claims have been artificially divided out into segments, merely for the convenience of the Examiner. As such, these claim segments do not necessarily constitute distinct claim elements.

The specific claim chart citations show that the artificial claim segments are supported by the application at least by the citations listed. Additional support for the newly-presented claims may be found throughout the disclosure, including the drawings.

As noted above, claims 19 and 51 have been cancelled. These claims are the subject of a continuation application that was filed on December 18, 2002 to pursue the subject matter of these claims. These claims are deemed patentably distinct from the claims now pending in this application, including those added by this preliminary amendment.

This preliminary amendment is made to add new claims. No other changes have been made. A prompt consideration on the merits is respectfully solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 13-1505. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to the Deposit Account identified above.

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(b) providing a second downhole structure	and transmits an RF signal corresponding to the identification code;	that stores an identification code	that comprises an RF identification transmitter unit	(a) providing, a first downhole structure	ט 🖚 🎕	
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in bold is the claim number in the pending 09/586,648 application. The claim number indicated in parenthesis corresponds to the claim number in U.S. Patent 6,333, 700. The claim number



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(3) <u>78</u> . The method of claim 77 , wherein the identification transmitter unit is imbedded in the tubular member.	having a hollow axial bore therethrough and the RF identification transmitter unit secured thereto.	(2) 77. The method of claim 76, wherein the first downhole structure comprises a tubular member	(e) if the determined identification code matches the target identification code, actuating or installing one of the first downhole structure or second downhole structure in physical proximity to the other.	 (d) comparing the identification code determined by the RF receiver unit to the target identification code; and 	receiver unit can receive the RF signal transmitted by the RF identification transmitter unit;	(c) placing the second downhole structure in close enough		at a given location in a subterranean wellbore, and the other is moveable in the wellbore:	wherein one of the first downhole structure and the second downhole structure is secured	and compare the identification code to a preset target identification code;	decode the signal to determine the identification code corresponding thereto	that can receive the signal transmitted by the identification transmitter unit,	that comprises an RF receiver unit,
Page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 2	Page 6, lines 31-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 12, lines 35-38; page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 7; page 19, lines 30-32	Page 6, lines 27 & 28; page 11, lines 21-23; page 19, lines 11-14	Page 7, lines 16-21; page 11, lines 1-3; page 16, lines 1-17; page 17, lines 8-15; page 21, lines 21-23; and 33-36; claims 6, 11, 24, 26, 36, 42, 45, 47, 56, 60, 61, 70, 72, 73; Fig. 2	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17; page 20, lines 6-8; Fig. 2	claims 6, 18, 22, 36, 45, 50, 54	Page 6, lines 3-5; page 7, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 35 & 36; page 16, lines 6-11; page 20, lines 8-10; page 21, lines 23-28;	14; claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 28-30, 33, 34, 36, 42, 45, 50, 55, 58, 66-68, 70, 73; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 10, lines 24 & 25 and 33 & 34; page 12, lines 11-13; page 18, line 23 - page 19, line 3; page 19; lines 30-32; page 20, lines 13 &	Page 11, lines 11 & 12; page 19, lines 10 & 11; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17	Page 14, lines 15-17; page 15, lines 16 & 17; claims 6, 7, 39, 42, 45, 46, 56, 59, 65, 70, 73	Page 8, lines 30-36; page 10, lines 22 & 23; page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 3; page 21, lines 10 & 11; claims 4, 6, 24, 30

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	having a hollow axial bore therethrough and the RF identification transmitter unit secured thereto,	each of the first downhole structures comprises a tubular member	are located at different depths in a wellbore;	(11) <u>83</u> . The method of claim 76 , wherein a plurality of first downhole structures	expandable tubing, expandable screens, and flow control devices.	perforating guns,	(10) <u>82</u> . The method of claim 76, wherein the second downhole structure is selected from the group consisting of subsurface safety valves, gas lift valves, packers,	is secured in a given location in a lateral borehole of a multilateral well and the second downhole structure is placed in proximity to the first downhole structure within the same lateral.) <u>81</u> . The method of claim 76 , wherein at least one first downhole structure	(5) <u>80</u> . The method of claim 76, wherein a plurality of first downhole structures are secured at different depths in a subterranean wellbore.	(4) 79. The method of claim 76, wherein the first downhole structure is selected from the group consisting of landing nipples, gas lift mandrels, packers, casing, external casing packers, slotted liners, multi-laterals, slips, sleeves, and guns.	243
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(20) 89. The method of claim 76, wherein the second downhole structure is a downhole tool that is actuated in response to a match between the determined identification code and the target identification code, and wherein the actuation comprises locking the second downhole structure in a fixed position relative to the first downhole structure.	(19) 88. The method of claim 76 , wherein the RF identification transmitter unit comprises a radio frequency transponder.	and drillpipe, and the second downhole structure is moved to different depths within the borehole by raising or lowering the supporting structure.	coiled tubing,	slickline,	(18) 87. The method of claim 76, wherein the second downhole structure is a downhole tool that is attached to a supporting structure selected from the group consisting of wireline,	and the determined depth is used to determine when to fire the gun.	(14) <u>86</u> . The method of claim 83, wherein second downhole structure is a perforating gun,	(13) <u>85</u> . The method of claim <u>84</u> , wherein each identification transmitter is secured near one end of the respective joint of completion tubing.	(12) 84. The method of claim 83, wherein the plurality of tubular Page 1 members are joints of completion tubing that are attached end to end.
Page 8, lines 13 & 14; page 17, lines 6-15; page 20, lines 24-26; page 36, lines 18 & 19; claims 22 & 54	Page 13, lines 1-34	Page 3, line 25 - page 4, line 3; page 18, lines 14-20	. .	Page 18, lines 17-19	Page 7, line 12, page 17, lines 11 & 12; page 18, lines 14-22; claims 15 & 68	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 15, line 35 - page 16, line 17; page 21, line 33 - page 22, line 2; claims 9, 12, 26, 48 & 60; Figs. 3A & 3B, 6A-D & 8A-C	Page 7, lines 20 & 21; page 12, lines 7 & 16-34; page 18, line 2 - page 19, line 3; page 21, line 3; claims 9, 10, 12, 24, 60 & 70; Figs. 3 A & 3B, 6A-D & 8A-C	Page 11, lines 21-25; 32-35; Page 12, lines 35-38; Fig. 3D	Specification, Support in 09/586,648 Application Page 11, lines 21-25; 32-35

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that comprises an RF receiver unit,	and a second downhole structure	and transmits a signal corresponding to the identification code;	that stores an identification code	that comprises an RF identification transmitter unit	מ ווואנ מסארווויסופ או מכנמופ	_	(30) 93. A downhole assembly comprising:	(23) 92. The method of claim 91 , wherein the downhole tool adjusts in size to fit the inner diameter of the tubular member.	downhole becomes locked upon actuation.	the target identification code is predetermined to match the	(22) <u>91</u> . The method of claim <u>90</u> , wherein the identification code indicates at least the inner diameter of the tubular member, and	(21) <u>90</u> . The method of claim 89 , wherein the first downhole structure comprises a tubular member having an axial bore therethrough and an inner surface, and further comprising a locking indentation in the inner surface and wherein the second downhole structure engages the locking indentation when it is actuated.
Page 8, lines 30-36; page 10, lines 22 & 23; page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 3: page 21, lines 10 & 11; claims 4, 6, 24, 30	Page 8, lines 30 & 31; page 10, line 21; page 12, lines 6-26; page 21, lines 6-26; claims 11, 18, 36; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3E, 4A, 5A, 6A-D, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 7, lines 9-11; claims 24, 30, 42, 70, 73; Fig. 4A	Page 6, line 33 - page 7, line 2; page 8, lines 23-26; page 13, lines 12-25; page 15, lines 4-13; page 10, line 28; claims 11, 36, 56; Figs. 2 and 4A	Page 6, line 29-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27; page 12, line 35 - page 13, line 11; page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 7; page 19, lines 30-32; page 21, lines 11 & 12; claims 24, 30, 36, 38, 42, 50, 64, 70, 71, 73; Fig. 3D	71, 73, 74; Figs. 3A & 3B, 7A & 7B	19, lines 10-16; page 21, line 11; claims 18, 24, 38, 42, 50, 63, 70,	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 21-37; page	Page 7, lines 31-34			Page 7, lines 31-34; page 13, lines 12-25; page 15, lines 9-13	Specification Տորթում in 09/586,648 Application Page 7, lines 31-34

	that can receive the signal transmitted by the identification	Page 14, lines 15-1/; page 15, lines 16 & 1/; claims 6, /, 39, 42, ∥
	decode the signal to determine the identification code	
	corresponding thereto,	
	and compare the identification code to a preset target	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17
	identification code;	
	wherein one of the first downhole structure and the second	Page 11, lines 11 & 12; page 19, lines 10 & 11; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A,
	downhole structure is secured	7B, 8A-C
	at a given location in a subterranean wellbore, and the other is	Page 10, lines 24 & 25 and 33 & 34; page 12, lines 11-13; page 18,
	movable in the wellbore; and	line 23 - page 19, line 3; page 19, lines 30-32; page 20, lines 13 &
		14; claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 28-30, 33, 34, 36, 42, 45, 50, 55, 58, 66-68, 70, 73; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C
	wherein the assembly comprises apparatus for determining if	Page 6, lines 3-5; page 7, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 35 & 36;
	the determined identification code matches the target	page 16, lines 6-11; page 20, lines 8-10; page 21, lines 23-28;
	identification code, and for actuating or installing one of the	claims 6, 11, 24, 26, 36, 42, 45, 47, 56, 60, 61, 70, 72, 73; Fig. 2
	first downhole structure or second downhole structure in	
	physical proximity to the other.	
(G	(31) 94. The assembly of claim 93, wherein the first downhole	Page 6, lines 27 & 28; page 11, lines 21-23; page 19, lines 11-14
	having a hollow axial bore therethrough and the RF	Page 6, lines 31-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 12, lines 35-38;
	identification transmitter unit secured thereto.	page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 7; page 19, lines 30-32
3	(32) 95. The assembly of claim 94, wherein the identification	Page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 2
	(33) 96. A downhole assembly, comprising:	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 21-37; page
-	a first downhole structure	19, lines 10-16; page 21, line 11; claims 18, 24, 38, 42, 50, 63, 70,
		71, 73, 74; Figs. 3A & B, 7A & B
	that comprises an RF identification transmitter unit	Page 6, line 29-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27;
		page 12, line 35 - page 13, line 11; page 13, line 35 - page 14, line
		7; page 19, lines 30-32; page 21, lines 11 & 12; claims 24, 30, 36,
		38, 42, 50, 64, 70, 71, 73; Fig. 3D

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(34) <u>97</u> . The assembly of claim <u>93</u> , comprising a plurality of first downhole structures secured at different depths in a subterranean wellbore.	wherein the first downhole structure is selected from the group consisting of landing nipples, gas lift mandrels, packers, casing, external casing packers, slotted liners, multi-laterals, slips, sleeves, and guns.	at a given location in a subterranean wellbore, and the other is movable in the wellbore;	wherein one of the first downhole structure and the second downhole structure is secured	and compare the identification code to a preset target identification code;	decode the signal to determine the identification code corresponding thereto,	that can receive the signal transmitted by the identification transmitter unit,	that comprises an RF receiver unit	a second downhole structure	and transmits a signal corresponding to the identification code;	that stores an identification code
Page 6, lines 24-28; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 21-37; page 19, lines 10-16; page 21, line 11	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 21-37; page 19, lines 10-16; page 21, line 11; claims 18, 24, 38, 42, 50, 63, 70, 71, 73, 74; Figs. 3A & 3B, 7A & 7B	Page 10, lines 24 & 25 and 33 & 34; page 12, lines 11-13; page 18, line 23 - page 19, line 3; page 19; lines 30-32; page 20, lines 13 & 14; claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 28-30, 33, 34, 36, 42, 45, 50, 55, 58, 66-68, 70, 73; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 11, lines 11 & 12; page 19, lines 10 & 11; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17	Page 14, lines 15-17; page 15, lines 16 & 17; claims 6, 7, 39, 42, 45, 46, 56, 59, 65, 70, 73	Page 8, lines 30-36; page 10, lines 22 & 23; page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 3; page 21, lines 10 & 11; claims 4, 6, 24, 30	Page 8, lines 30 & 31; page 10, line 21; page 12, lines 6-26; page 21, lines 6-26; claims 11, 18, 36; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3E, 4A, 5A, 6A-D, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 7, lines 9-11; claims 24, 30, 42, 70, 73; Fig. 4A	Specification Support in 09/586,648 Application Page 6, line 33 - page 7, line 2; page 8, lines 23-26; page 13, lines 12-25; page 15, lines 4-13; page 10, line 28; claims 11, 36, 56; Figs. 2 and 4A

that comprises an RF receiver unit	a second downhole structure	transmits a signal corresponding to the identification code; and	that stores an identification code and	that comprises an RF identification transmitter unit	(39) 100. A downhole assembly, comprising: a first downhole structure	(38) <u>99</u> . The assembly of claim 93, wherein the RF identification transmitter unit comprises a radio frequency transponder.	and drillpipe, and the second downhole structure can be moved to different depths within the borehole by raising or lowering the supporting structure.	coiled tubing,	slickline,	(37) 98. The assembly of claim 93, wherein the second downhole structure is a downhole tool that is attached to a supporting structure selected from the group consisting of wireline
Page 8, lines 30-36; page 10, lines 22 & 23; page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 3; page 21, lines 10 & 11; claims 4, 6, 24, 30	Page 8, lines 30 & 31; page 10, line 21; page 12, lines 6-26; page 21, lines 6-26; claims 11, 18, 36; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3E, 4A, 5A, 6A-D, 7A, 7B, 8A-C	Page 7, lines 9-11; claims 24, 30, 42, 70, 73; Fig. 4A	Page 6, line 33 - page 7, line 2; page 8, lines 23-26; page 13, lines 12-25; page 15, lines 4-13; page 10, line 28; claims 11, 36, 56; Figs. 2 and 4A	Page 6, line 29-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27; page 12, line 35 - page 13, line 11; page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 7; page 19, lines 30-32; page 21, lines 11 & 12; claims 24, 30, 36, 38, 42, 50, 64, 70, 71, 73; Fig. 3D	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 21-37; page 19, lines 10-16; page 21, line 11; claims 18, 24, 38, 42, 50, 63, 70, 71, 73, 74; Figs. 3A & B, 7A & B	Page 13, lines 1-34	Page 3, line 25 - page 4, line 3; page 18, lines 14-20		Page 18, lines 17-19	Specification Support in 09/586,648 Application Page 7, line 12; page 17, lines 11 & 12; page 18, lines 14-22; claims 15 & 68

(40) 101. The assembly of claim 100, wherein the first downhole structure comprises a tubular member having an axial bore therethrough and an inner surface, and further comprising a locking indentation in the inner surface, and wherein the second downhole structure engages the locking	wherein the second downhole structure is a downhole tool that is actuated in response to a match between the determined identification code and the target identification code, and wherein the actuation comprises locking the second downhole structure in a fixed position relative to the first downhole structure.	at a given location in a subterranean wellbore, and the other is Page 10, lines 24 & 25 and 33 & 34; page 12 movable in the wellbore;	wherein one of the first downhole structure and the second downhole structure is secured Page 11, lines 11 & 12; page 19, lines 10 & 7B, 8A-C	and compare the identification code to a preset target identification code;	decode the signal to determine the identification code corresponding thereto,	that can receive the signal transmitted by the identification transmitter unit, Claim 2. 2. 2. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3.
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(41) 102 . The assembly of claim 101 , wherein the identification	Page 7, lines 31-34; page 13, lines 12-25; page 15, lines 9-13
code indicates at least the inner diameter of the tubular	
member, and the target identification code is predetermined to	
match the identification code of the tubular member in which	
the downhole becomes locked upon actuation.	
(42) 103. The assembly of claim 102, wherein the downhole	Page 7, lines 31-34
tool is capable of adjusting in size to fit the inner diameter of	
the tubular member.	
(48) 104. A method of inventorying a plurality of downhole	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 11, lines 21-37; page 19, lines 10-14
structures in a subterranean well, comprising the steps of	
(a) providing in a wellbore a plurality of first downhole	
having RF identification transmitter units therein;	Page 6, line 29-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27;
	7; page 19, lines 30-32; page 21, lines 11 & 12
(b) passing at least one second downhole structure through	Page 6, lines 3-5; page 7, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 35 & 36;
at least a part of the wellbore in proximity to a plurality of the RF identification transmitter units,	claims 6, 18, 22, 36, 45, 50, 54
wherein the second downhole structure	Page 8, lines 30 & 31; page 10, line 21; page 12, lines 6-26; page 21, lines 6-26; claims 11, 18, 36; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3E, 4A, 5A, 6A-D,
	7A, 7B, 8A-C
comprises a RF receiver unit	Page 8, lines 30-36; page 10, lines 22 & 23; page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 3; page 21, lines 10 & 11; claims 4, 6, 24, 30
that receives the signal transmitted by the identification transmitter units,	
decodes the signals to determine the identification codes, corresponding thereto,	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17
and stores the identification codes in memory;	Page 8, lines 31-34; page 15, lines 19-22; Fig. 4A

least one downhole structure in the well	consisting of actuating, activating, and deactivating with at	perform at least one operation selected from the group	(c) using the identification codes read from the database to	一种种 in in elimit be 非 重 4 11 11
72, 73; Figs 2 & 4A	23; and 33-36; claims 6, 11, 24, 26, 36, 42, 45, 47, 56, 60, 61, 70,	line 22 – page 16, line 34; page 17, lines 8-15; page 21, lines 21-	Page 7, lines 16-30; page 10, line 30 – age 11, lines 1-3; page 15,	Specification Support in 09/586,648 Application